

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 5, and 9. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 5, and 9, replace the original sheets including Fig. 1, 5, and 9.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 is pending. Claims 1 and 2 are canceled by the present amendment. Replacement drawing sheets including Figs. 1, 5, and 9 are submitted herewith addressing informalities noted in the outstanding Office Action. The specification is amended to address informalities noted in the outstanding Office Action. Claim 3 is amended. Support for the amendment to Claim 3 is self-evident. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to as including view numbers not oriented in the same direction as the view depicted in the figures. The Abstract was objected to as not limited to one paragraph. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Best et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,786, herein "Best"). Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Best. Claim 3 was allowed.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claim 3.

Regarding the objection to the figures as not including view numbers aligned in the same direction as the view depicted, replacement drawing sheets including Figs. 1, 5, and 9 are submitted herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the drawings is overcome.

Regarding the objection to the specification as including an Abstract with more than one paragraph, the Abstract is amended to include only a single paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the specification is overcome.

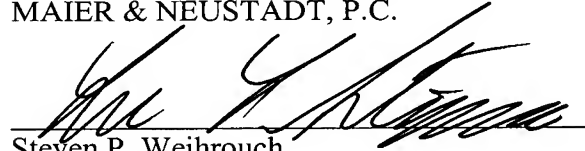
Regarding the rejection of Claim 1 as anticipated by Best and the rejection of Claims 1 and 2 as obvious over Best, those rejections are respectfully submitted to be negated inasmuch as Claims 1 and 2 are canceled by the present amendment. Accordingly, as only Claim 3, which was indicated in the outstanding Office Action as allowable is pending,

Applicants respectfully submit that all the issues noted in the outstanding Office Action have been addressed.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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